

# NEBRASKA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM



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**71-2049. Ambulatory surgical center and hospital; provide itemized list of patient's expenses; when; violation; penalty.**

Except for state hospitals administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, each ambulatory surgical center and each hospital, as such terms are defined in sections 71-405 and 71-419, shall, upon written request of a patient or third-party payor on behalf of a patient, include in such patient's or payor's bill an itemized list of all expenses such patient incurred during his or her stay at such ambulatory surgical center or hospital. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, the cost of (1) X-rays, (2) laboratory fees, (3) respiratory therapy services, (4) oxygen, (5) pharmaceuticals, (6) take-home drugs, (7) chargeable medical supplies, (8) central service supplies, (9) medical equipment, (10) room and board, and (11) all additional charges incurred by the patient. The right to request such information shall be clearly and conspicuously stated in each patient's or payor's bill. The patient or payor shall receive a copy of the itemized bill within fourteen days after the ambulatory surgical center or hospital receives the request. Such request shall be made by the patient or payor within twenty-eight days after the date of discharge.

Upon receipt of an itemized list, a patient or payor may request and the ambulatory surgical center or hospital shall provide an explanation of any or all expenses or services included on the itemized list. The patient or payor shall make a request for such explanation within twenty-eight days of receipt of an itemized list. The patient or payor shall receive the explanation within fourteen days after the ambulatory surgical center or hospital receives the request.

Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.

Source: Laws 1982, LB 835, § 1; Laws 1985, LB 382, § 17; Laws 1994, LB 1210, § 116; Laws 1994, LB 1222, § 62; Laws 1996, LB 1044, § 608; Laws 2000, LB 819, § 100. Operative date January 1, 2001.